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LIMITS SET ON IMPORTATION OF MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

American sportsmen planning trips to Canada or Mexico this fall to hunt ducks, geese, and other migratory birds must comply with certain requirements when bringing such birds into the United States, Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman said today.

Migratory game birds brought or shipped from Canada, if dressed, must have the head, head plumage, and feet attached. Those from Mexico must be dressed, drawn and have the head and feet removed. Shipments from Canada must be accompanied by tags or permits if required by provincial or dominion law. Shipments from Mexico require a Mexican export permit, or an endorsement on the license by a Mexican game official granting permission to export the birds, or exhibition of the hunting license on which the official seal of the issuing office has been impressed or endorsed for exporting birds.

During any one calendar week within the open season in Canada or Mexico where killed, not more than the following limits of migratory game birds lawfully taken and exported in accordance with the laws of Canada or Mexico, may be imported:

Ducks (except American and red-breasted mergansers)—10, of which but one may be a wood duck. American and red-breasted mergansers—no limit. Scoters (sea coots), eider or old-squaw ducks—14 singly, or in the aggregate. Geese (except Ross' goose)—6 in any combination, not exceeding 2 Canada geese (or its subspecies), or 2 whitefronted geese. Brant—3. Coot—15. Woodcock—8. Band-tailed pigeons—6. Doves, mourning and white-winged—10, of single species or in the aggregate. Rails and gallinules (except sora)—15, of single species or in the aggregate. Sora—25.

A shipment made not later than 5 days after the close of the season may continue in transit for not over 5 additional days to permit delivery at destination.

A hunter may not possess at any one time in the United States any migratory game birds, of the kinds stated above, taken in and exported from Canada or Mexico in excess of these limits. The Federal regulations do not authorize importation into or possession of such birds where contrary to State laws.

Packages must be marked with name and address of shipper and consignee, with an accurate statement of the number and kinds of birds clearly and conspicuously shown on the outside.

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